

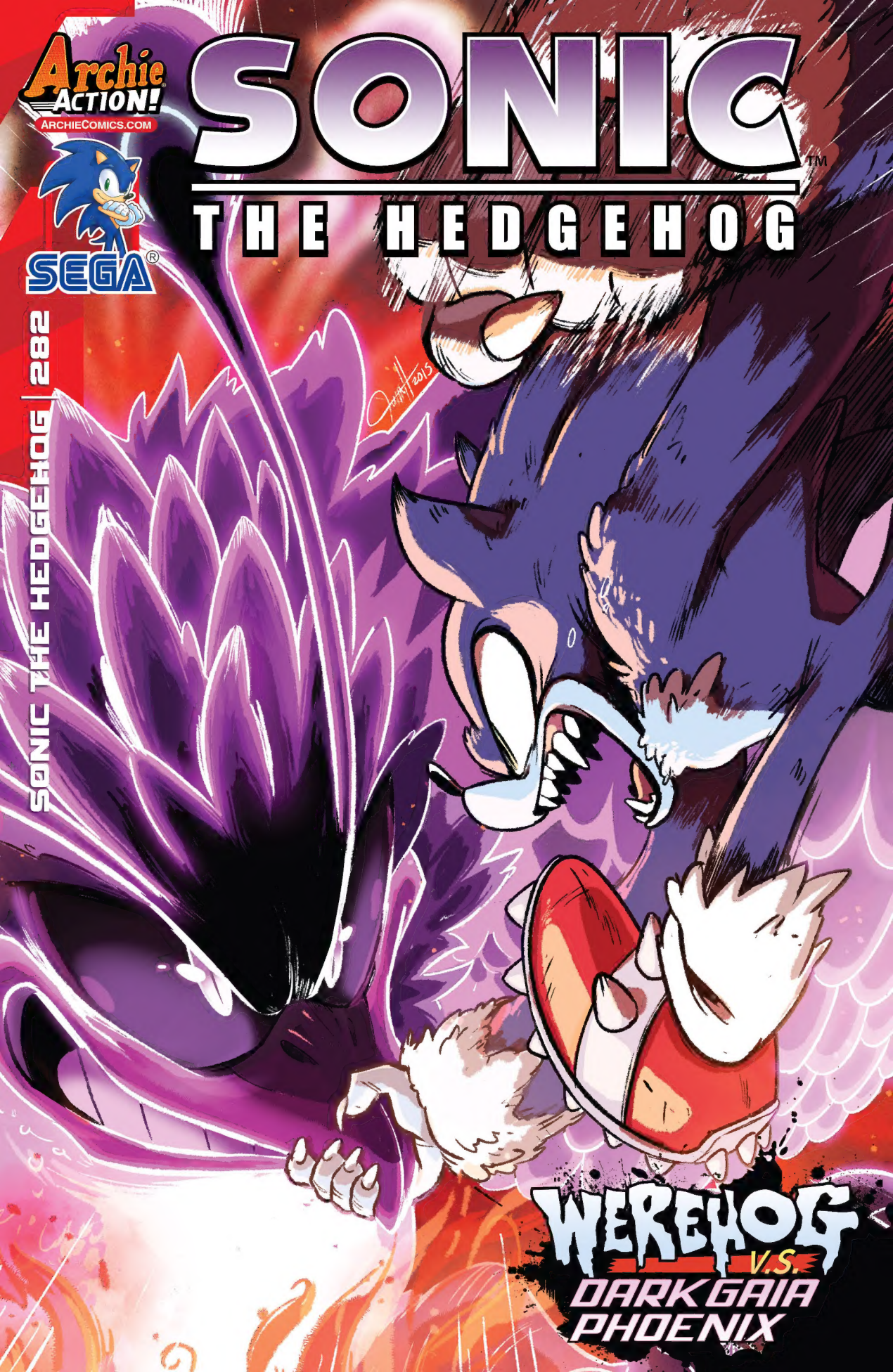
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DRAGON**
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**CONQUERING
STORM**
EGG BOSS

PREVIOUSLY...

FIRE FIGHT

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters have traveled to Chun-Nan to secure the final Gaia Key! Along the way, they've reunited with their old friend Dulcy and teamed up with her brand new team of volunteers.



They found out that the key guardian had entered the territory of a corrupted temple spirit! Even worse – standing between our heroes and the phoenix's burning fury is Egg Boss Conquering Storm and her entire Egg Army!



Now it's time for Sonic to fight fire with fury!



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CHUN-NAN--OUTSIDE THE GAIA TEMPLE...

WINGS OF FIRE

Part Two: *FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE*

RRRRRRRRRR!

IT'S OKAY, CINDY. MISTER D'COOLETTE WAS AFRAID THE FIRST TIME HE SAW SONIC CHANGE, TOO!

"AFRAID" IS BEING TOO STRONG ZE WORD. PERHAPS ...STARTLED? AT MOST?

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THE FANGS AND CLAWS ARE PRETTY COOL, BUT ALL THAT FUR LOOKS LIKE A PAIN TO BRUSH.

YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS, SCALY!

AS IF, FUZZ BALL!



I CAN SENSE HIS PURITY, BLAZING LIKE A BEACON THROUGH A FOG OF CORRUPTION. HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN LIKE THIS?

SINCE THE FIRST TREMORS, BEFORE THE WORLD SHATTERED.

AND HIS CHI HAS ENDURED THIS LONG... I'M HUMBLED. I NEED TO MEDITATE MORE.



CHIP
ANCIENT
SPIRIT

JIAN
EX-EGG
ARMY

CHEESE
CREAM'S
COMPANION



THE SPIRIT AT THE TEMPLE HAS BEEN CORRUPTED BY DARK GAIA ENERGY!

WELL, I KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE...

CHAO!
CHAO-CHAO
CHAO
CHAO!

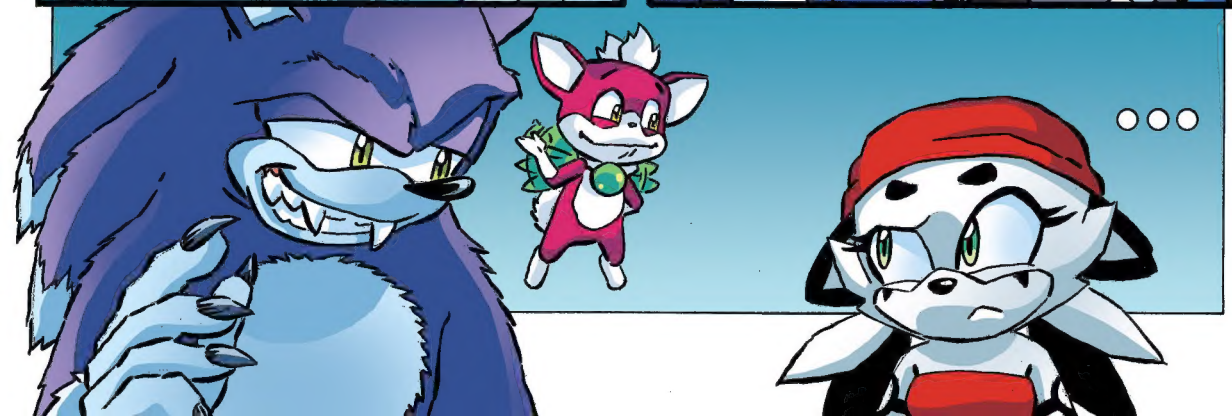
CHEESE SAYS MR. ZONSHEN IS TRAPPED BY THE BAD SPIRIT, TOO!



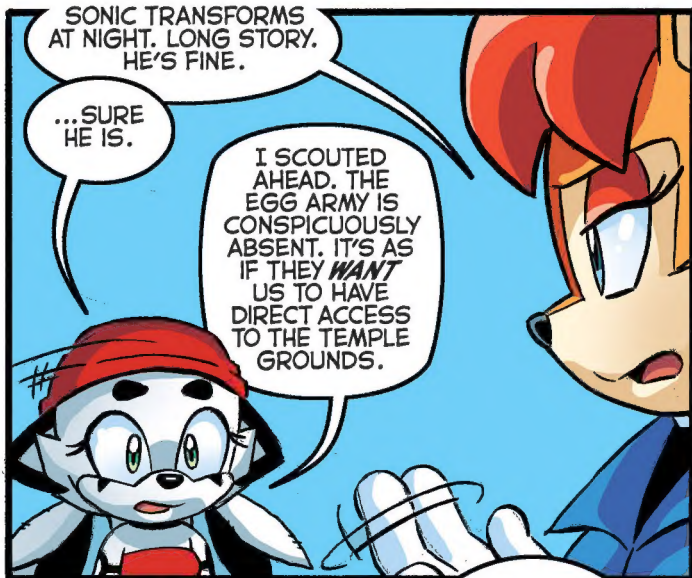
OH, CRUD...

WHAT ABOUT THE EGG ARMY? DIDN'T YOU SAY THERE WAS A GARRISON HERE?

YES. I SCOUTED AHEAD AND...



...



SONIC TRANSFORMS AT NIGHT. LONG STORY. HE'S FINE.

...SURE HE IS.

I SCOUTED AHEAD. THE EGG ARMY IS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT. IT'S AS IF THEY WANT US TO HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE TEMPLE GROUNDS.



HMM... CONQUERING STORM PROBABLY WANTS US TO DEAL WITH THE PHOENIX FOR HER. THAT, OR SEND HER FORCES IN TO OVERWHELM US WHILE WE'RE PREOCCUPIED WITH IT...



SO...CHIP? NOW THAT YOUR POWERS HAVE BEEN REAWAKENED, IS THERE ANY WAY YOU COULD CURE THE PHOENIX?*

ER...MAYBE? IT IS A SPIRIT, SO IT'S KIND OF A SPECIAL SITUATION. IF IT WERE WEAKENED ENOUGH, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO RESTORE IT?

THEN LEAVE THAT TO ME! WE DARK-GAIA-INFECTED-TYPES NEED TO LOOK AFTER OUR OWN!

*5TH # 280.



EXCELLENT. THEN THE REST OF US WILL SEE IF WE CAN'T SET UP AN AMBUSH OF OUR OWN...

SOON--AT
THE GAIA
TEMPLE
GROUNDS...

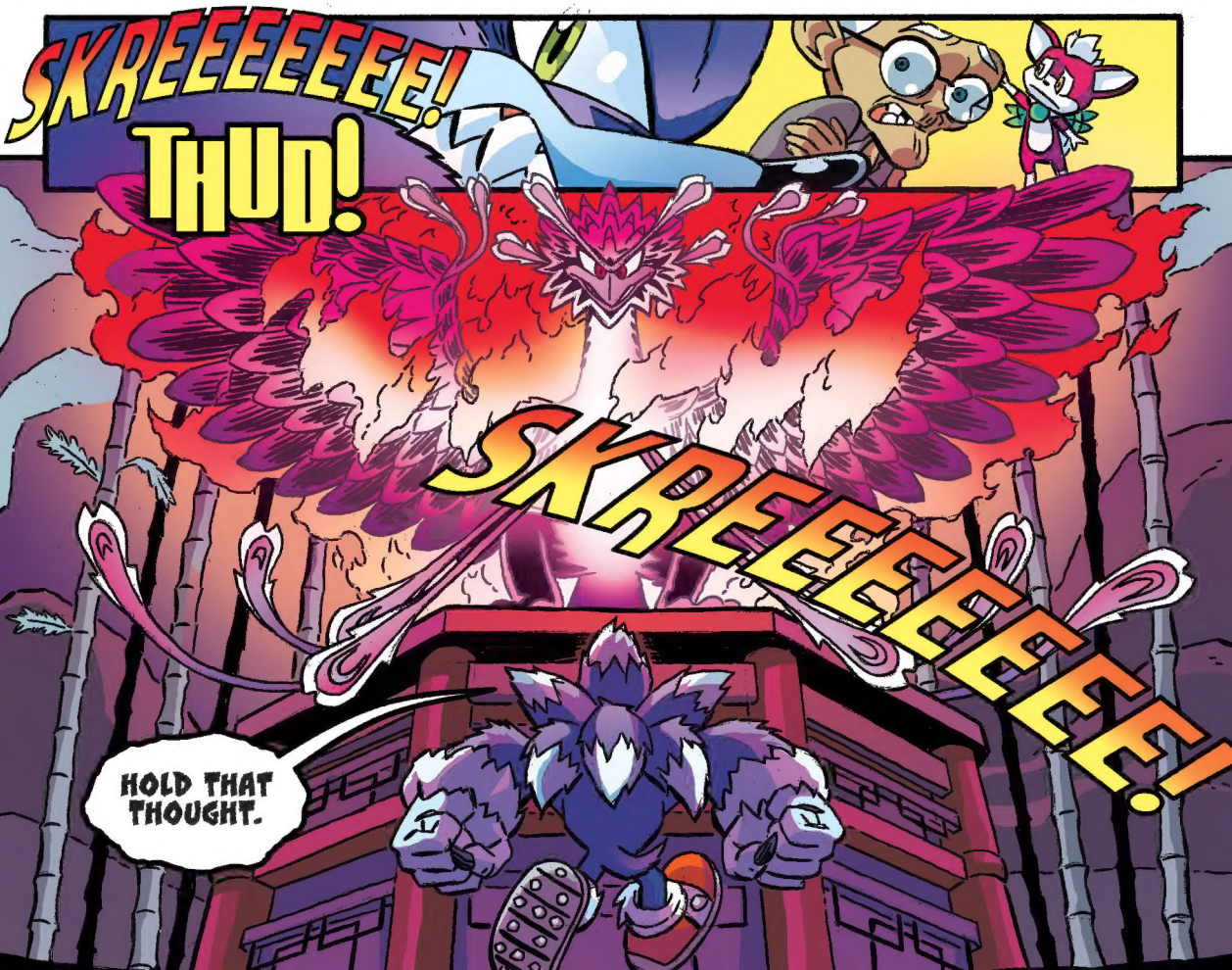
OVER HERE!
HURRY, BEFORE
IT COMES BACK!

HEY,
MISTER! DON'T
BE AFRAID! WE'RE
HERE TO HELP!

ARE
YOU
OKAY
?

COLD, HUNGRY AND A LITTLE
CRISPY ON THE EDGES--BUT
OTHERWISE FINE. I CAME TO
MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE
SPIRIT, BUT IT'S GONE WILD...

HANG ON,
GRAMPS. WE'LL
GET YOU BACK
TO THE VILLAGE
AND--



HOLD THAT
THOUGHT.

SKREEEEEEEE!

THUD!

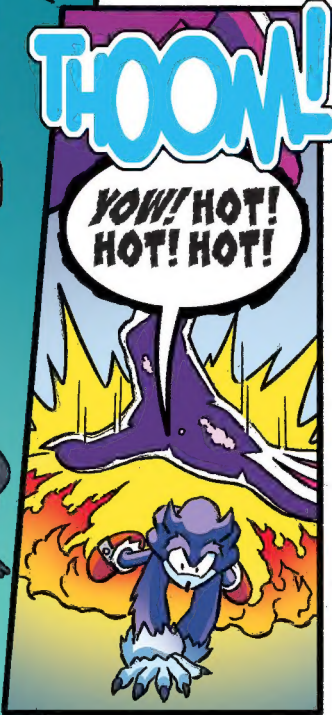


CONQUERING STORM
REGIONAL EGG BOSS

HMM... ENGAGING THE BEAST IN SINGLE COMBAT. I'D EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM SONIC.

BUT WHERE ARE THE OTHERS? I CAN'T BELIEVE THE PRINCESS WOULD LET HIM GO IN ALONE...

"...SO WHERE ARE THEY?"



ENJOY!

SKREEEEEEEE!

CRASH!

SHI-JIN

THE SPIRIT HAS BEEN WEAKENED. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER!

ATTACK!

JUST AS PLANNED.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS! SHIJIN WARRIORS! NOW!

CHEESE! GET 'EM!

FWEEET

POW!

CRACKLE!

BANG





THOK!

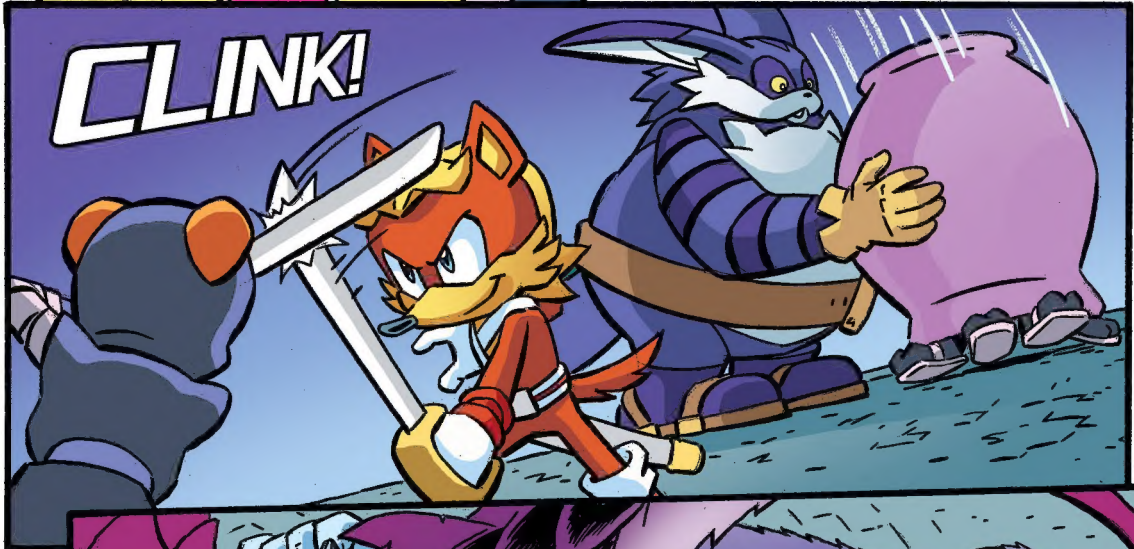


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SOK!



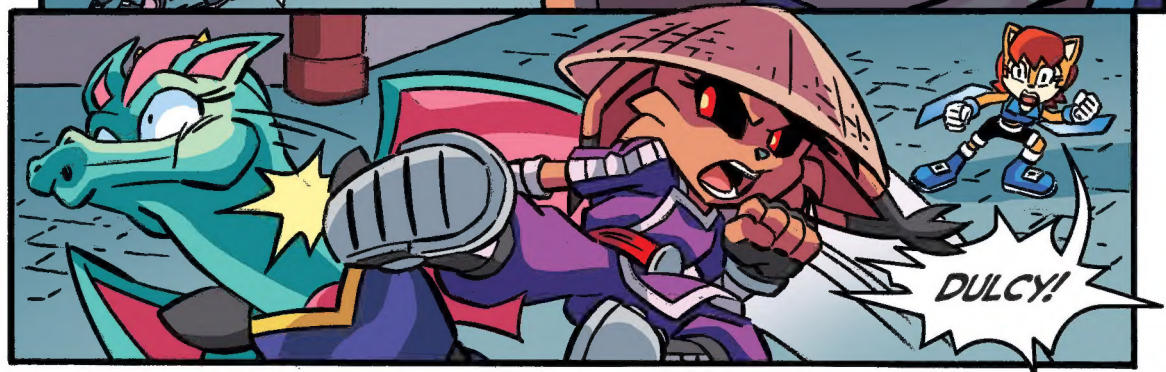
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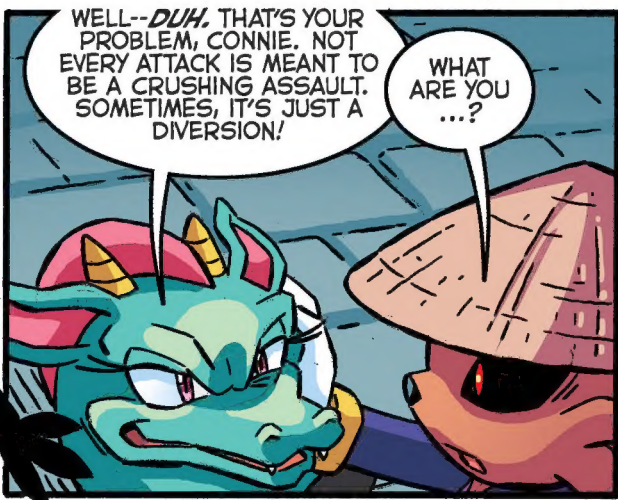
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GRAB!

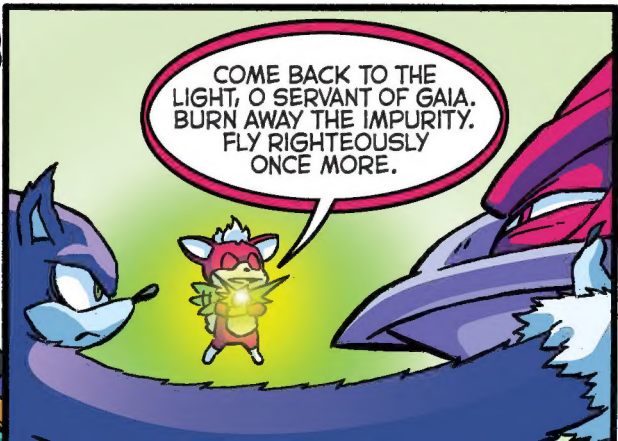


WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? YOUR PALTRY TEAM IS NO MATCH FOR MINE! THE PRINCESS'S SHALLOW TACTIC BOUGHT YOU A MOMENT'S SURPRISE, NOTHING MORE! YOU CAN'T WIN THIS BATTLE!



WELL--DUH. THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, CONNIE. NOT EVERY ATTACK IS MEANT TO BE A CRUSHING ASSAULT. SOMETIMES, IT'S JUST A DIVERSION!

WHAT ARE YOU ...?



COME BACK TO THE LIGHT, O SERVANT OF GAIA. BURN AWAY THE IMPURITY. FLY RIGHTEOUSLY ONCE MORE.

SKREEEEEEEE!

YO. IT'S ON OUR SIDE NOW.

EVERYONE! FALL BACK TO BASE!

UH...NOT THE ONE AT TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN, I HOPE?

'CAUSE IT'S ABOUT TO GET REMODELED-- INTO ASHES.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIRST VICTORY. IT WILL BE YOUR *LAST*.

POW!

YEAH, WELL, YOU... UH... ARGH! THESE POST-BATTLE ONE-LINERS ARE HARD!

YOU'LL GET THE HANG OF IT.

SOON...

FOR SAVING MY LIFE, FOR SAVING THE SPIRIT, AND SAVING OUR WORLD, I THANK YOU. TAKE MY GAIA KEY IN GOOD HEALTH.

THANKS, ZONSHEN. YOU WORRY ABOUT YOUR HEALTH RIGHT NOW.

WELL, THAT'S IT, FOLKS! THE LAST GAIA KEY! LET'S GO FIX THE PLANET!

I'VE GOT SOME THOUGHTS ON THAT. BUT FOR NOW, IT'S GOOD TO KNOW AT LEAST PART OF THE WORLD IS IN GOOD HANDS.

THANKS, SAL. THAT MEANS A LOT --TO ALL OF US.

THE END IS IN SIGHT! BUT WILL FIXING THE SHATTERED WORLD REALLY BE THAT EASY? AND WHAT DOES DR. EGGMAN HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT? FIND OUT NEXT ISSUE!

DON'T MISS OUT ON MORE FUN IN SONIC UNIVERSE, THE SONIC SUPER DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

OUTSIDE THE
SOLMERCIA EGG
ARMY BASE...

RAY THE
FLYING
SQUIRREL
YOUNG FLYER

THIS GATE IS
NO GOOD, EITHER.
THERE'S A SNIPER
TOWER RIGHT ON
THE OTHER SIDE.

WE'VE GOT TO GET IN THERE. I'LL
HANDLE IT. THAT IS, IF MS ROSE WILL
PLEASE LEND ME HER HAMMER FOR
A MOMENT?

SUCH A GENTLEMAN!
SONIC COULD LEARN
A THING OR TWO FROM
YOU.

MIGHTY
THE ARMADILLO
IT'S IN HIS NAME!

AMY ROSE
HAMMER-SWINGING
HEROINE

KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA
TOUGHER THAN
LEATHER

PIKO!

KNOCK-
KNOCK!

IT'S MIGHTY
AND KNUCKLES!

KER-
WHAM!

LET'S
MAKE
SOME
NOISE!

KEEP LOW,
LI'L BUDDY!
STICK TO
THE PLAN--
NOTHING
FANCY!

RIGHT!
SEE YOU IN A
MINUTE!

SHARDS
& SPARKS

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INSIDE THE
EGG ARMY
BASE...

YOU'RE ON THIN ICE!
YOU MAY HAVE HELPED ME
RETAKE EGGMANLAND, * BUT THAT
DOESN'T EXCUSE LOSING A CHAOS
EMERALD AND TWO SUPER-
BADNIKS** AND NOT FINDING
THE GAIA TEMPLE!

H-HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED
THERE *ISN'T* A
GAIA TEMPLE ON
THIS CONTINENT,
M'LORD?

DR. EGGMAN
EVIL GENIUS

HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED
DOING YOUR
JOB?!

THUNDERBOLT
THE CHINCHILLA
SOMERCIAN EGG BOSS

*SU # 83-86
"EGGMAN'S DOZEN"

**STH # 264-267.

OH, I AM!
DUTIFULLY SO!
AND LOOK WHAT
I FOUND!

AREN'T
THESE SHARDS
OF THE MASTER
EMERALD?

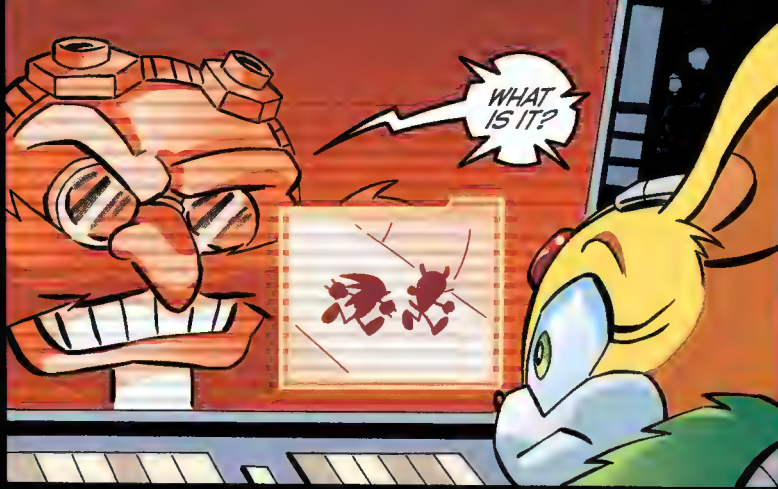
INDEED!
GOOD TO KNOW
WALLY DOESN'T
HAVE THEM
ALL...

HMMMM...IF I CAN GET ALL
THE SHARDS AND RESTORE
THE MASTER EMERALD
MYSELF, MAYBE I CAN CANCEL
OUT WHATEVER PLANS THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE
FOR THE CHAOS EMERALDS.

NICELY
DONE, T.B.
I RETRACT
MY EARLIER
SHOUTING.

SHOUTING OR
PRAISING, YOUR VOICE
IS AN INSPIRATION--!





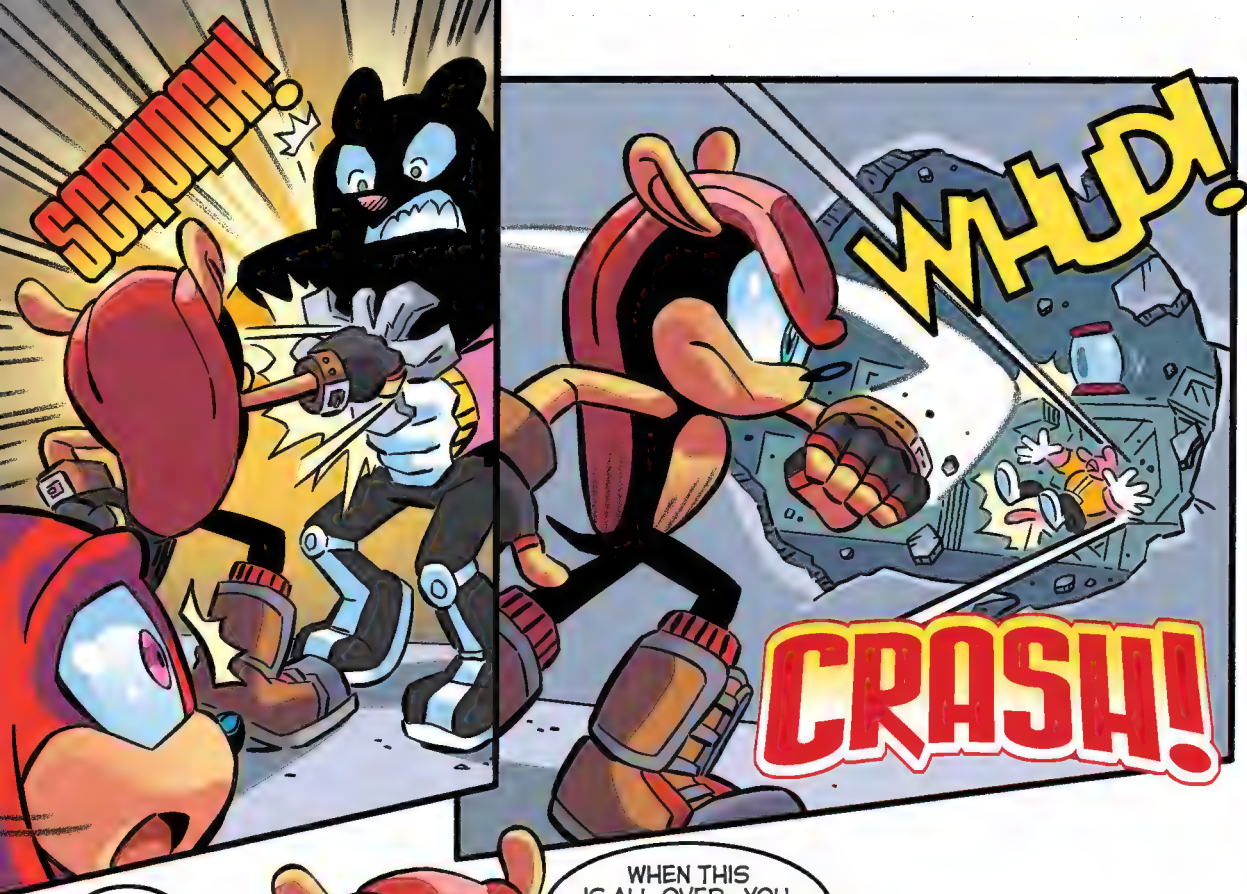
NOT THAT I'VE FOUGHT A LOT OF EGG SOLDIERS OR ANYTHING, BUT I THOUGHT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE **TOUGH!**

AGAINST YOUR AVERAGE CITIZEN? SURE, THEY'RE FEARSOME. WE'RE IN A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEAGUE, KNUX.



SONIC WAS RIGHT-- YOU **HAVE** GONE SOFT!





THOSE BELONG TO LORD EGGMAN!



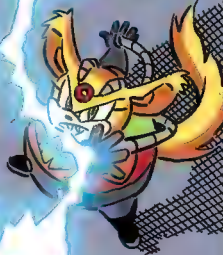
HOLD ON! SHE'S DANGEROUS!

SO? REINFORCEMENTS ARE ON THE WAY. STICK TO THE PLAN.

I'VE GOT THIS.



ZOWIE!



MIGHTY!

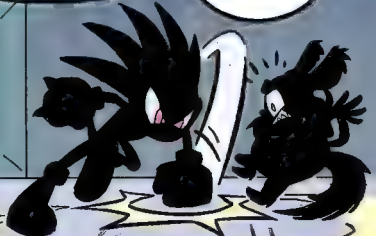
PERFECT TIMING!



WE'RE ALL CLEAR OUT HERE! MAKE IT QUICK!

OKAY... SO WE TRAVEL X-NUMBER OF KILOMETERS...

MOSS'S PLACE IS NORTH OF HERE...



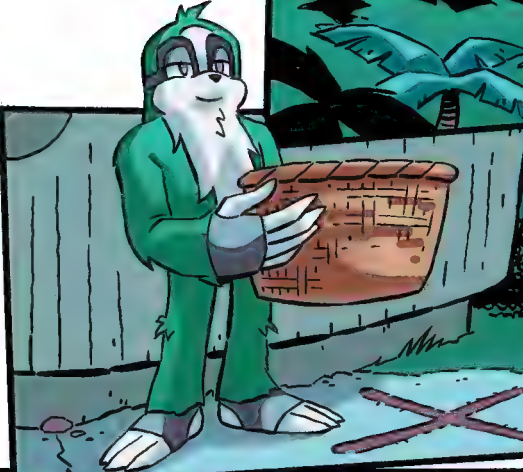
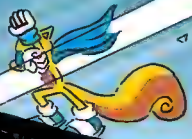
CALM NIGHT, NO WIND... SO THROW IT...



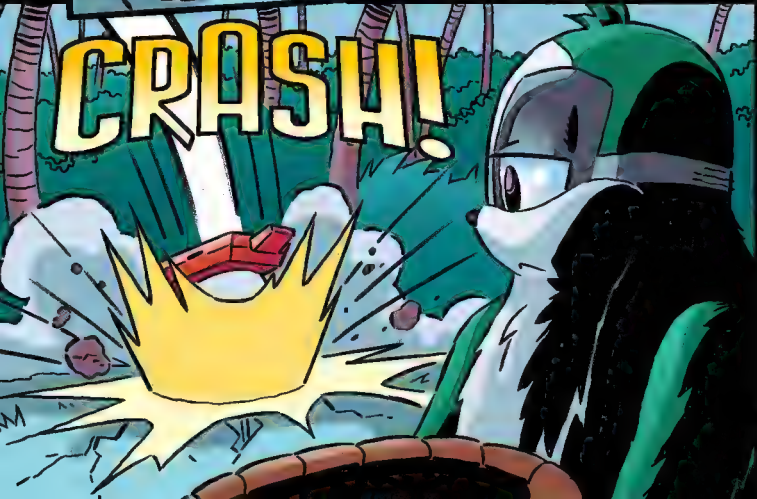
...LIKE THIS!!!



FWOOSH!



CRASH!



CLOSE ENOUGH.

MOSS THE SLOTH SAGE





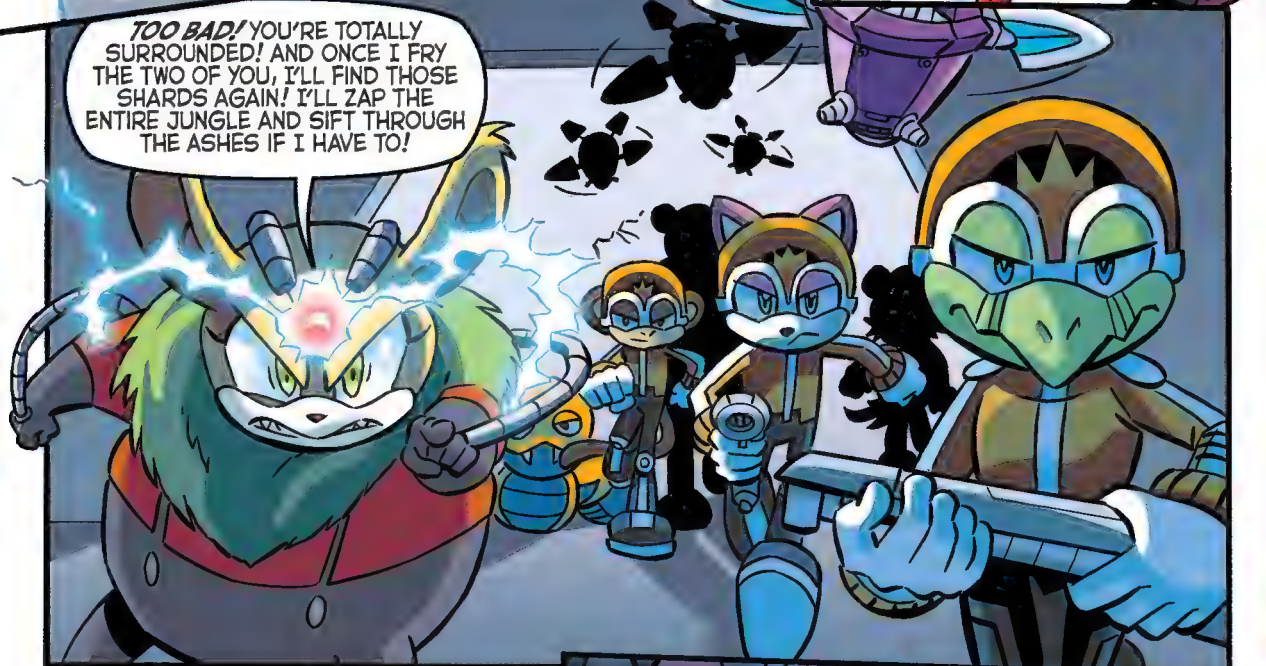
RAAAAARGH!

YOU GOOD?

YEAH, I KINDA WISH I HAD MORE TIME TO PROPERLY FIGHT HER.



TOO BAD! YOU'RE TOTALLY SURROUNDED! AND ONCE I FRY THE TWO OF YOU, I'LL FIND THOSE SHARDS AGAIN! I'LL ZAP THE ENTIRE JUNGLE AND SIFT THROUGH THE ASHES IF I HAVE TO!

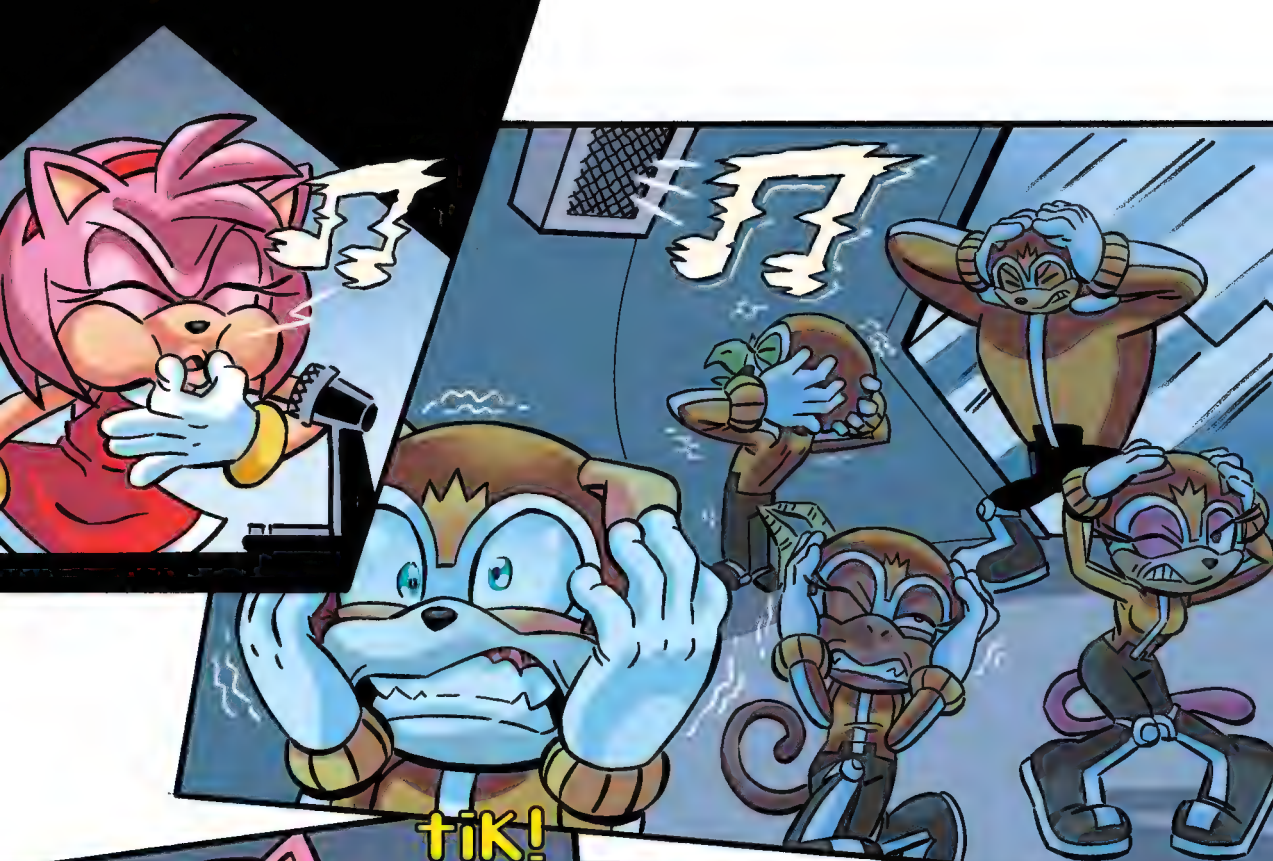


THAT'S YOUR ANSWER TO EVERYTHING. AND WHILE YOU'RE ALL *HERE...*

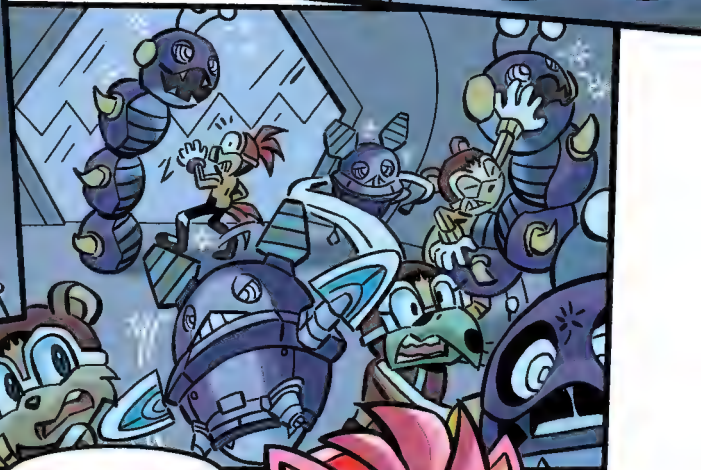


"...YOUR COMMAND CENTER IS WOEFULLY UNDERSTAFFED."

OH, MY GOODNESS! SO MANY BUTTONS! WHATEVER DO THEY ALL DO?



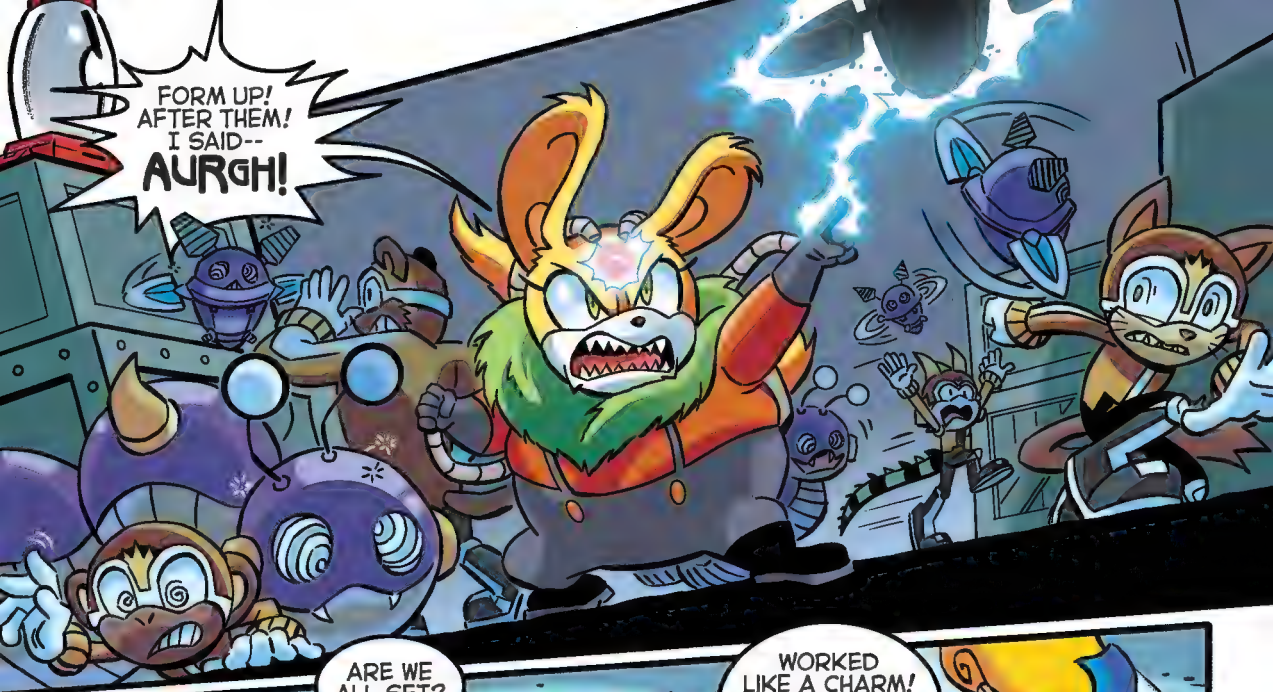
tik!
tik!
tik!
tik!



OOPS! I BROKE IT! I *REALLY* OUGHT TO LEAVE THIS SORT OF THING TO TAILS-- TEE-HEE!



FORM UP!
AFTER THEM!
I SAID--
AURGH!



ARE WE
ALL SET?

WORKED
LIKE A CHARM!
NOW LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE--



*—AND RETRIEVE
THOSE SHARDS!*

THANKS
AGAIN,
GUYS.

ALWAYS
HAPPY TO
HELP!

WITH THOSE TWO,
YOU'RE UP TO FIVE
SHARDS. HOW MANY
MORE DO YOU NEED?

SEVEN...

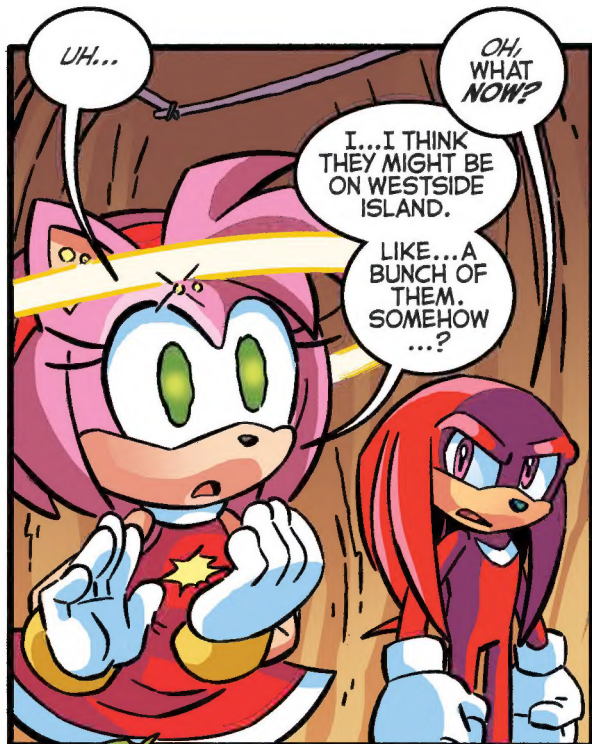
...BUT SONIC AND
THE OTHERS ALREADY
HAVE ALL THE CHAOS
EMERALDS AND GAIA
KEYS.* IF THEY FIX THE
WORLD BEFORE I CAN
RESTORE THE MASTER
EMERALD...

HEY! DON'T
LOSE YOUR
OBNOX...
CHARMING...
STUBBORN-
NESS NOW!

NOW THAT
THESE ARE
ACCOUNTED
FOR, LET'S
CHECK FOR
THE REST!



*** LAST
ISSUE.**



UH...

OH, WHAT NOW?

I...I THINK THEY MIGHT BE ON WESTSIDE ISLAND.

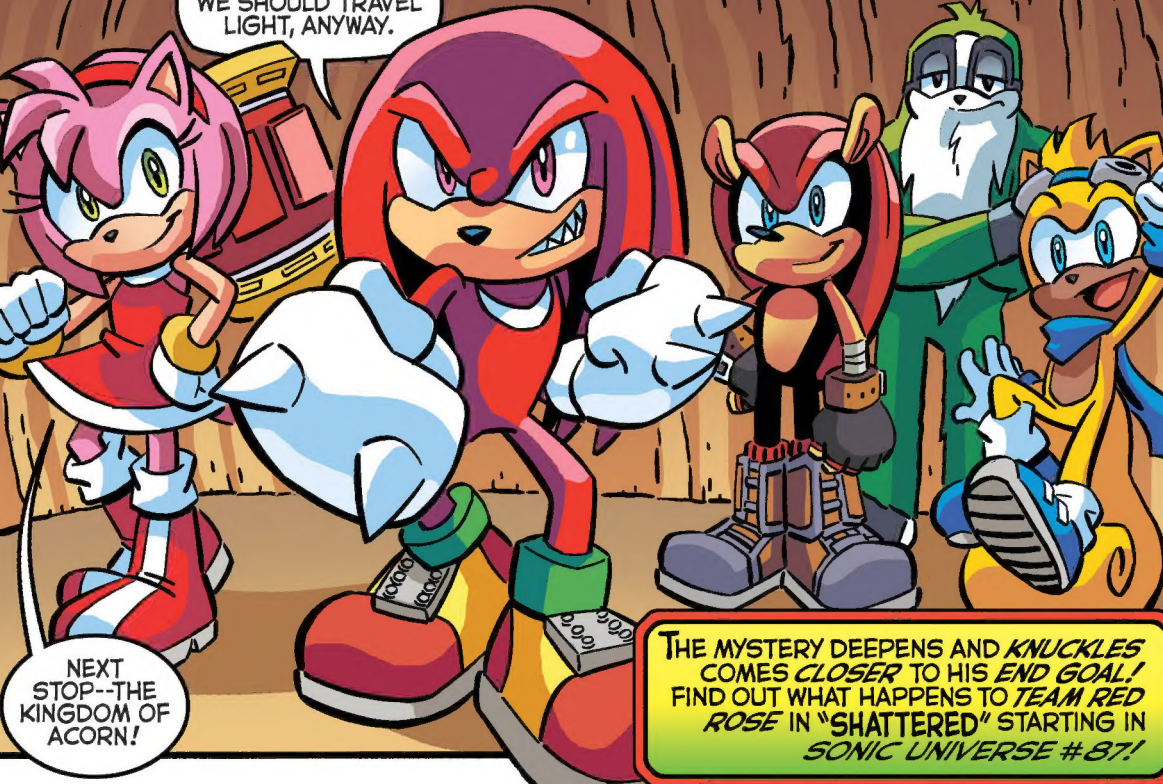
LIKE...A BUNCH OF THEM. SOMEHOW...?



WE'D COME WITH YOU, BUT I WANT TO BE HERE TO PROTECT MOSS IN CASE THUNDERBOLT HAS A TANTRUM.

I DOUBT SHE KNOWS WHERE WE LIVE, BUT I APPRECIATE IT ALL THE SAME.

NO SWEAT, MIGHTY. WE SHOULD TRAVEL LIGHT, ANYWAY.



NEXT STOP--THE KINGDOM OF ACORN!

THE MYSTERY DEEPENS AND *KNUCKLES* COMES CLOSER TO HIS END GOAL! FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO *TEAM RED ROSE* IN "SHATTERED" STARTING IN *SONIC UNIVERSE # 87!*

Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that will raise you like a phoenix!

Welcome back, my comic crazies!

The time has come once again to go behind the scenes and explore the concepts and ideas that make up the Sonic comic universe! This issue we'll be taking a closer look at Dulcy's team of Shijin Warriors from Chun-Nan. Check out the concept artwork below by the awesome Aleah Baker!

JIAN THE TIGER

First up is Jian the White Tiger. Early on in her life, Jian joined the Egg Clan Army. Enticed with their pride of strength and unity, she soon realized their cause was not one she wanted to be a part of. Jian now fights alongside Dulcy and her team, using her cybernetic tail blade to cut down her foes!



BUNKER THE TURTLE

Next is Bunker the Turtle. Bunker is the Shrine Matron of Chun-Nan. She has a calm and welcoming demeanor, necessary for her to sense the chi of those around her and herself. Don't let her mellow appearance fool you though, she can pack quite the punch!

CINDER THE PHEASANT

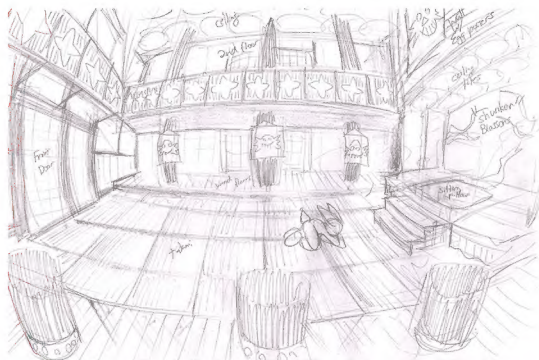
Finally we conclude with Cinder the Pheasant. "Cindy" is the youngest of the team. While she has much to learn about freedom fighting, she is still able to contribute to the team's efforts with her eager attitude and quick movements. She aspires to become a powerful warrior, the likes of the flaming phoenix.



What do you think of our newest members? Write in to let us know and be sure to come back next time for even more insider info! Later!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo
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ABOVE: Designs for Conquering Storm's Egg Clan Army Dojo by penciller Adam Bryce Thomas.

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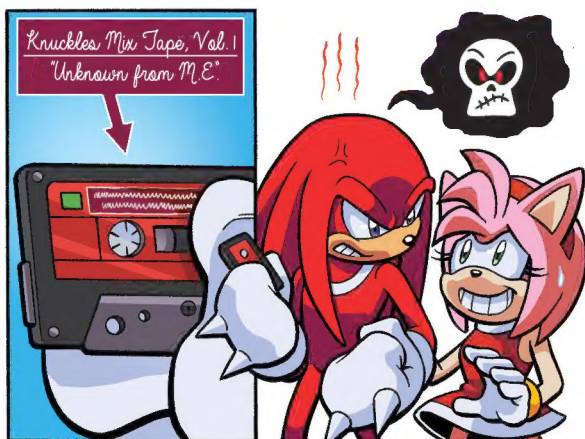
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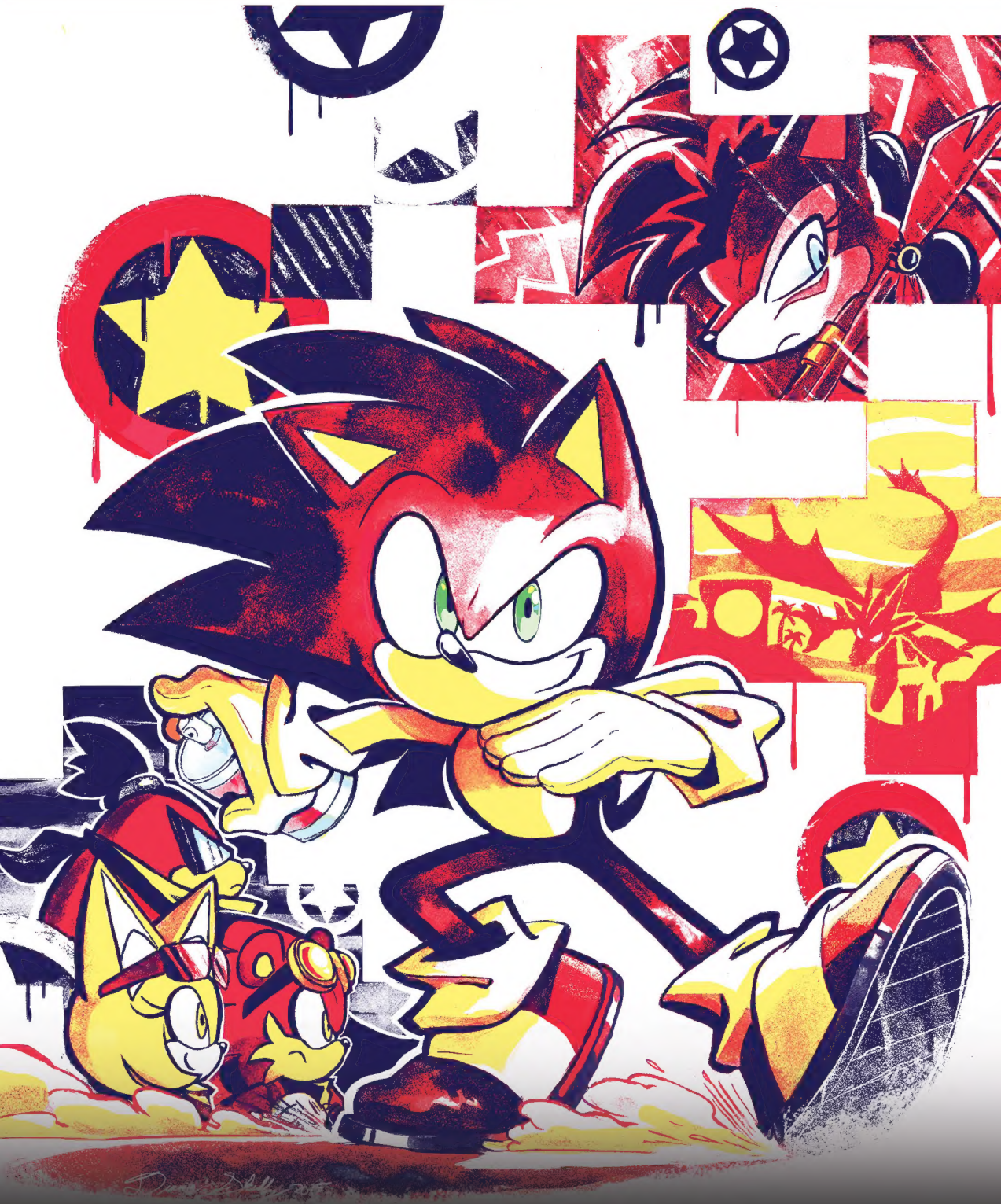
OFF PANEL

A (NOT SO) MYSTIC MELODY



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